

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 15, 1848.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. JOHNSON, of Louisiana, made the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. No. 144.]

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of John Clark, report :*

That this case was fully investigated by the Committee on Pensions, of the Senate, at a former session of Congress, and a favorable report made thereon. The committee having again examined the case, and concurring in the principles of that report, now adopt it as a part of this report.

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—April 29, 1846.

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of John Clark, report :*

That it appears from the proof before the committee, that the said John Clark was a soldier in the 45th regiment of infantry, during the late war with Great Britain.

It is proved by the testimony of several witnesses, who are certified to be persons of truth and veracity, and entitled to credit, that the said Clark, while in the line of his duty at Plattsburg, unlading a boat which was filled with provisions for the troops, received a severe injury by a hogshead rolling against him, occasioned by the breaking of a plank ; by reason of which injury he was removed to the hospital, where he remained several months. His collar bone was broken, and other injuries were received in his arm and side, crushing his shoulder and breast.

Reputable physicians certify the injury to be one-half disability.

A pension is withheld by the Commissioner of Pensions, because he does not produce the testimony of some of the commissioned officers under whom he served.

It does not appear that any of the commissioned officers are now alive, or can be found, except the colonel, and it is not to be ex-

pected that at this distance of time he can recollect all the incidents of the war, nor is it probable, that he had any personal knowledge of the occurrence of the injury.

The committee are satisfied that the facts are fully proved by testimony entitled to full confidence, and therefore report a bill for the relief of the petitioner.